

From Denny & Claire...

Besides a lifelong affection for Eeyore, A.A. Milne's donkey character in the *Winnie the Pooh* books and a wonderful poem by G.K. Chesterton entitled "The Donkey," I can't say that I've thought much about that particular animal.

But then again, there are two exceptions to that general observance. The first recalls a donkey softball game from some 35 years ago. A local Christian radio host was doing a fundraiser and he graciously invited me to participate. One team was primarily made up of preachers and the other (mine) involved guys from independent Christian ministries. Who won, you ask? The donkeys! Indeed, we discovered later that the donkeys were trained to please the audience, mainly by frustrating the humans riding atop them! For instance, one donkey might be trained to always stop just a foot from first base while another might be trained to *never* stop running. Others knew when to sit down with their rider aboard, to run in a circle, to buck, to let out with a screeching "hee-haw" every once in a while. You get the idea. The donkeys made clowns out of the humans and the audience absolutely loved it. Thank the Lord, most of the participants embraced their roles and were delighted to do whatever they could (including looking out of control, perplexed, and downright silly) to raise money for a good cause.



The second memory involves the protected burro herd in Cripple Creek, Colorado. For several years, Claire and I would stay a few days in Manitou Springs and would often make the trip over to view the gorgeous scenery of the Sangre de Cristo mountain range taking big bags of corn chips to feed the burros. It was a lot of fun. But one day, a burro knocked the sideview mirror off our rental car and I had to tie it up with my belt to get back down to the Colorado Springs airport to exchange vehicles. The clerks there were so delighted with our story that they didn't charge us a dime. In fact, they wrote it up (including my own stick figure drawing of how the accident happened!) and put it on their website to get a few laughs.

Anyhow, enough "donkeying" around...here is the latest "Anti-Boredom" Packet, Number 29 in the series.

Multiple Choice Questions

1) On December 4, 1956 at Sun Studios in Memphis, the famous “Million Dollar Quartet” met for a recording session. Elvis Presley was there, of course, but who of the following was **NOT** included?

- A) Carl Perkins
- B) Marty Robbins
- C) Johnny Cash
- D) Jerry Lee Lewis

2) The historic currency used in France and Switzerland was the...

- A) Franc
- B) Pound
- C) Dollar
- D) Rupee

3) True or False -- Babe Ruth was crazy about the song “Deep Purple” and the song’s writer, Peter DeRose, personally performed it at Ruth’s birthday parties for several years. _____

4) The Walt Disney cartoon chipmunks were named...

- A) Hilly & Billy
- B) Pete & Repeat
- C) Chip & Dale
- D) Georgie & Gracie

5) Where in the world is the Palace of Versailles?

- A) Zurich, Switzerland
- B) Anderlecht, Belgium
- C) On the Danube River, Vienna
- D) Just outside Paris, France

6) Which of the following towns is **NOT** in Nebraska?

- A) Hay Springs
- B) Broken Bow
- C) St. Nicholas
- D) Long Pine

7) They say that “Necessity is the mother of...”

- A) Patience
- B) Invention
- C) Unguarded danger
- D) Hard work

8) True or False -- Glenn Miller recorded 16 records that went all the way to the top...and another 69 which made the Top Ten. And that was in just 4 years! That’s more Top Ten hits than Elvis Presley and the Beatles in their *entire* recording careers. _____

9) In the gospels we are told about Jesus walking on the water towards His disciples who were in a fishing boat. One of them jumped out and started walking towards Jesus until he realized his situation and began to sink. Who was that apostle?

- A) Peter
- B) John
- C) Matthew
- D) Andrew

10) Lassie, the noble dog of movies and TV fame, was of what breed?

- A) Labrador
- B) German Shepherd
- C) Beagle
- D) Collie

11) In what military conflict did Alvin York win the Medal of Honor?
A) The Spanish-American War
B) World War 1
C) World War 2
D) The Korean War

12) That TV weatherman you're watching would most probably have studied what branch of science?
A) Meteorology
B) Agronomy
C) Geothermal science
D) Navigation

13) Who is this?
A) B.C. Caveman
B) Fred Flintstone
C) Alley Oop
D) Pete the Paleo



14) The song that soul artist Otis Redding is most remembered for is...
A) "The Tracks of My Tears"
B) "Hit the Road, Jack"
C) "In the Midnight Hour"
D) "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay"

15) The reference to "opening Pandora's box" comes from Greek mythology and it means a person doing something that...
A) will cause all kinds of troubles
B) will bring unexpected wealth
C) will smell up the whole house
D) will yield the right tools for the job

16) True or False -- Singer Dick Haymes was married six times, including to film actresses Joanne Dru and Rita Hayworth. _____

17) A major player in the entertainment industry, what does R.C.A. stand for?
A) Readers' Choice Audio
B) Radio Corporation of America
C) Recording Center for the Arts
D) Record Certificates Association

18) Barney Rubble was the comic sidekick to what TV character?
A) Ricky Ricardo
B) Matt Dillon
C) Andy Taylor
D) Fred Flintstone

19) This Tennessee-born entertainer was a star on radio, TV, and records. She did USO tours, supported women's golf, and was once married to actor George Montgomery:
A) Doris Day
B) Julie London
C) Dinah Shore
D) Helen Ward

20) *Bonanza* ran for an incredible 14 seasons yet it was **NOT** the longest running TV western. Indeed, the #1 Western was on for 20 years. It was:
A) *Have Gun Will Travel*
B) *Gunsmoke*
C) *Death Valley Days*
D) *Little House on the Prairie*

21) The capitol city of Missouri is:

- A) Springfield
- B) Chillicothe
- C) Columbia
- D) Jefferson City

22) True or False – In 1955, the psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers won the “\$64,000 Question” with her specialized topic being Japanese literature. _____

23) Who won an Academy Award for playing the part of Fr. Flanagan in the 1938 movie *Boys Town*?

- A) Spencer Tracy
- B) Walter Pidgeon
- C) Mickey Rooney
- D) Errol Flynn

24) Before the dam in the Black Canyon of the Colorado River was named Hoover Dam, it had been known from its dedication in 1935 until 1947 as...

- A) Colorado River Dam
- B) Lake Mead Dam
- C) Boulder Dam
- D) Las Vegas Valley Dam

25) Starting in October 1949, Frankie Laine was on a real roll with three #1 hits in six months. Which one of the following was **NOT** in that list?

- A) *The Cry Of The Wild Goose*
- B) *Mule Train*
- C) *North to Alaska*
- D) *That Lucky Old Sun*

26) In January 1950, nearly 3 million dollars was stolen in what became known as the Great Brinks Robbery. In what city did that ultimately failed crime take place?

- A) Boston
- B) Seattle
- C) San Francisco
- D) New York City

27) The lovely lady in this picture is:

- A) Claire Trevor
- B) Princess Margaret (Queen Elizabeth's sister)
- C) Gloria McLean (Jimmy Stewart's wife)
- D) Cyd Charisse



28) Bob Cratchit, Ebenezer Scrooge, and the ghost of Jacob Marley appear in what Charles Dickens tale?

- A) “Christmas at Dingley Dale”
- B) “Old Christmas”
- C) “David Copperfield”
- D) “A Christmas Carol”

29) Hawaii's statehood came in?

- A) 1956
- B) 1959
- C) 1961
- D) 1964

30) Glenn Miller's band featured two male vocalists. One was Tex Beneke. Who was the other one?

- A) Ray Eberle
- B) Billy Eckstine
- C) Perry Como
- D) Dick Haymes

**Can you match the photos of these famous Americans
with the names below? (Part 1)**



* Rudolph Valentino

* Andrew Jackson

* Mark Twain

* William “Buffalo Bill” Cody

* George Washington Carver

* Frederick Douglass

* Robert E. Lee

* Thomas Alva Edison

* Benjamin Franklin

10) Which of these was called
“The Hero of New Orleans” and
“Old Hickory?”

**Can you match the photos of these famous Americans
with the names below? (Part 2)**



* Annie Oakley

* Hedda Hopper

* Amelia Earhart

* Leontyne Price

* Shirley Temple

* Greta Garbo

* Clara Barton

* Eleanor Roosevelt

* Marlene Dietrich

10) Which of these persons was
born in Berlin, Germany?

Proverbs to Ponder

“Use what talent you possess -- the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.” (Henry van Dyke)

“It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things.”
(Leonardo Da Vinci)

“Jesus took a little child whom He placed among them. Taking the child in His arms, He said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my Name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me.’” (Mark 9:36-37)

“Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.” (Coach John Wooden)

“All I wanted was just what everybody else wants, you know, to be loved.”
(Rita Hayworth)

“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”
(Winston Churchill)

“It is far better to be alone than to be in bad company.” (George Washington)

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:31-32)

“There is only one way to avoid criticism:
do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing.” (Aristotle)

“Slippery stages were the terror of my life.” (Fred Astaire)

“It is not the strength of the body that counts,
but the strength of the spirit.” (J.R.R. Tolkien)

“The Lord gives His people perpetual joy when they walk in obedience to Him.”
(Dwight L. Moody)

What Comes Next in This Song Lyric?

- 1) “East is east and west is west and the wrong one I have chose.
Let’s go where I’ll keep on wearin’...
- 2) “You may hear her laughing across a crowded room and night after
night, as strange as it seems...
- 3) “The snow is snowing and the wind is blowing, but I can
weather the storm...
- 4) “Oh, Shenandoah, I long to see you. Away, you rolling river. Oh,
Shenandoah, I long to see you...
- 5) “I wanna’ be around to pick up the pieces...
- 6) “When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be...
- 7) “Do you hear that lonesome whippoorwill? He sounds too blue to fly.
The midnight train is whining low and...
- 8) “Lonely rivers flow to the sea, to the sea, to the open arms of the sea...
- 9) “I found my thrill on Blueberry Hill, on Blueberry Hill where
I found you...
- 10) “Raindrops keep fallin’ on my head but that doesn’t mean my eyes
will soon be turnin’ red. Crying’s not for me...

The Answers!

Multiple Choice

- 1) B
- 2) A
- 3) True
- 4) C
- 5) D
- 6) C
- 7) B
- 8) True
- 9) A
- 10) D
- 11) B
- 12) A
- 13) C
- 14) D
- 15) A
- 16) True
- 17) B
- 18) D
- 19) C
- 20) B
- 21) D
- 22) False -- it was boxing.
- 23) A
- 24) C
- 25) C
- 26) A
- 27) B
- 28) D
- 29) B
- 30) A

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2) "...The sound of her laughter will sing in your dreams."

3) "...What do I care how much it may storm? I've got my love to keep me warm."

4) "...Away, I'm bound away, 'cross the wide Missouri."

5) "...When somebody breaks your heart."

6) "...When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory."

7) "...I'm so lonesome I could cry."

8) "...Lonely rivers sigh, 'wait for me, wait for me.' I'll be coming home, wait for me."

9) "...The moon stood still on Blueberry Hill and lingered until my dreams came true."

10) "... 'Cause I'm never gonna' stop the rain by complaining because I'm free. Nothin's worryin' me."